

### W. H. HILDRETH ARRESTED.

**GRAND LARCENY CHARGED.**

A MEMBER OF THE FIRM OF ABEL  
STEIN & CO. HIDE AND LEATHER

IMPORTERS.

HIS OPERATIONS SAID TO HAVE DEFRAUDED  
LONDON BANKS TO THE EXTENT OF  
\$75,000—RELEASED IN \$25,000 BAIL.

William H. Hildreth, member of the firm of Abe. Stern & Co., hide and leather importers, at No. 97 Gold-st., who failed on December 1, with liabilities of \$1,000,000, was arrested yesterday. It is charged that he committed grand larceny by hypothecating eleven bales of goat-skins, the title to which was vested in the British Bank of South America, Limited, with headquarters in London. It is charged that the partner's fraudulent operations of this kind amounted to \$75,000, as far as they have been discovered up to the present time. The goat-skins mentioned were worth \$2,000.

Since the firm failed and David Wile was made receiver, some of the creditor banks have been making an investigation of its affairs. The British Bank of South America laid criminal charges before the District Attorney. After an examination of the books had been made, Colonel Fellows secured a bench warrant from Recorder Smyth in General Sessions for the arrest of Hildreth. This warrant was given to Detective Sergeant Von Gerichten. Mr. Hildreth, however, learned that his presence in General Sessions was demanded, and surrendered himself. He was accompanied by his lawyers, ex-Surrogate Daniel G. Rollins and A. Herschfield, of Horwitz & Herschfield, and by Jacques Krakauer, who was prepared to become his bondsman.

THE RECORDER FIXES THE BAIL.  
Recorder Smyth fixed the bail at \$25,000. Mr. Krakauer, who was identified by Mr. Hershfield,

qualified in 19, 13 and 17 West Thirti-second-st., which is worth \$200,000. He is a woman's tailor at No. 351 Fifth-ave., and lives at No. 109 East 10th-st. He is married and has a family. He is said to be a reporter for The Tribune that the transactions on which his arrest was based were similar to those which the firm had been carrying on for weeks. John J. Connelley, a French-born reporter, testified on Mr. Herresheld's behalf.

The charges were thus described by Assistant District-Attorney John D. Lindsay: Stein & Co. would obtain advances from banks, with which they had accounts, and then they would issue receipts covering the merchandise to the banks. These trust receipts specifically acknowledged that the title to the goods remained vested in the bank. Locally, Stein & Co. merely held the articles as agents for the banks. The goods were then sold to them without paying back the advances made by the banks. In other instances they pledged such goods to obtain loans from other banks. Still a third class of offences was committed, the difference being purely technical.

The British Bank of South America places its loss at \$30,000. Its correspondent here is the Bank of New-York. Wilmer & Canfield, of No. 48 Wall-st., are counsel for the British Bank in these proceedings, and Mr. Canfield laid the case before the District-Attorney. Mr. Canfield would say nothing about the charges. The German complainant, however, says the charges. The complainant, however, is also a complainant. The complaint has not yet been laid before the Grand Jury, and the warrant of arrest was based "on information and belief." The defendant demanded an examination. Hildreth's home is in Larchmont Manor.

**FLAMES IN THREE HOTELS.**

AN AGED WOMAN BURNED TO DEATH—NARROWLY

ESCAPES OF GUESTS IN THE NIGHT.

Milwaukee, Jan. 12.—Fire in the old Cream City Hotel at 4 o'clock this morning burned to death Mrs. Annie Schrems, aged eighty years, the mother of Dr. J. Kasten, of this city. The damage to the building was about \$1,200. The only occupants were Dr. Kasten, Dr. J. J. Langbehn, and his

Mrs. Schrum and Arthur J. Peschman and his wife and children. The Peschmans escaped. The fire, the origin of which is unknown, was discovered by Peschman, who was awakened by blazing embers falling through the ceiling of his room.

Chattanooga, Jan. 12.—Fire started last night in the wholesale house of the Peebles Grocery Company, in the Southern Hotel Building. The hotel guests, who had gone to bed, sealed the fire-escapes in their night robes. The southern extremity of the building was destroyed but the fire wall stayed up and the other seven stories stood to-day insurance.

Port Jervis, N. Y., Jan. 12.—Dr. L. Devenoge's large summer hotel, at Highland Lake, near Eldred, was burned this morning. The safe and the contents of the private office were saved. The fire was caused by a defective chimney. About three weeks ago Dr. Devenoge's barns, together with his horses and cattle, were burned.

**AN APOLOGY FROM THE OUTLAW EVANS.**  
Fresno, Cal., Jan. 12.—No clew whatever has yet been found to the lone robber who held up seven men and the station agent at the town of Fowler last Wednesday night. The deputy sheriff has brought into Fresno an autograph letter from "Chris" Evans, the outlaw, which was left at the home of a man named Spencer, apologizing

for taking Sencer's rifle and fieldglasses in his absence. This is the only definite clue obtained since Evans and Morrell escaped from jail.

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**SUICIDE WHILE SUFFERING FROM GRIP.**  
WILKESBARRE, Penn., Jan. 12.—J. Miner Woodworth,

one of the most prominent and wealthy farmers of Luzerne County, living near Shickshinny, committed suicide to-night. He was in this city on Thursday attending to business, and returned to his home in the evening apparently in his usual

health. He arose this morning, suffering from grip. The disease rapidly increased in severity, and affected his head with particular violence. At 7 o'clock to-night he suddenly rose and dashed out of the door. His family followed in pursuit, and the chase continued along the country road for a quarter of a mile. When Woodworth saw that the pursuers were close upon him, he took from his pocket

**MRS. LEASE'S JANUARY PAY WITHHELD.**  
Topeka, Jan. 12.—The motion of J. W. Freeborn to dissolve the injunction brought against him by Mrs. J. W. Lease, restraining him from paying as a

Harry E. Lese, restraining him from acting as a member of the State Board of Charities, will be heard to-morrow in Chambers, by Chief Justice Horton. The argument that will be submitted to-morrow will not go into the facts of the case at all, but will discuss the right of the court in grant-

ing the restraining order. The State Auditor declined to honor Mrs. Lease's voucher for services for January, alleging as a reason that the Governor will remove her. To-morrow the Supreme Court will be asked to issue a writ of mandamus compelling the Auditor to honor Mrs. Lease's vouchers.

**SPEED TRIAL OF THE MONTGOMERY.**  
New-London, Jan. 12.—The new cruiser Montgom-  
ery will have her speed trial on next Wednesday.

This fact was announced in orders received to-day. She will leave this harbor about 10 a. m., so that the run may be made during the brightest part of the day. The course, which is identical with that on which the Marblehead was tried, has not yet been decided upon by the U. S. Coast and Geodetic

been marked Captain F. H. Cooper and Lieutenant-Commander West started in the light-house steamer *Gardenia* this morning to mark the course with buoys, but the gale prevented the accomplishment of their purpose.

**TWO EMBREZZLING BANKERS SENTENCED.**  
Wilkesbarre, Penn., Jan. 12.—F. V. Rockafellow, the banker recently convicted of embezzlement, was sentenced this morning by Judge Lynch to two

years and two months' imprisonment in the Eastern Penitentiary and to pay a fine of \$1,200. The prisoner broke down and wept like a child. He was removed to the county prison, his wife accompanying him. There are eighteen more indictments against him.

Atlanta, Ga., Jan. 12.—Judge Pardee this morning sentenced Louis Redwine, the defaulting assistant cashier of the Gate City National Bank, to six years' imprisonment in the Columbus, Ohio, Penitentiary.

Chester, Penn., Jan. 12.—Judge Clayton to-day refused to grant the order for the removal of Professor S. C. Shortlidge to an insane asylum. In an

denied the report of the commission appointed to inquire into the lunacy of the prisoner. Shortlidge will therefore stand trial for the murder of his wife.